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UBJ: EGYPTIAN COMMENTS ON SYRIAN VISITORS TO BUDAPEST

1. EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER NOV 18 THAT SYRIAN EMBASSY SOURCE CALLED VISIT OF DEFENSE MINISTER USTAFI TLASS TO HUNGARY IN LATE OCTOBER A "FIASCO". SYRIANS WERE REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY OVER HUNGARIAN REFUSAL TO PROVIDE THEM WITH FUNDS TO ESTABLISH ADVANCED MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOL. EGYPTIANS REPORT THAT TLASS THEN CONTENTED HIMSELF WITH PARTICIPATING IN SEVERAL ORGANIZED HUNTING EXPEDITIONS IN HUNGARIAN COUNTRYSIDE.

2. EGYPTIAN ALSO REPORTED THAT SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION WHICH ARRIVED IN BUDAPEST NOV 17 LED BY SECRETARY GENERAL KHALID VAKDASH HAS CAUSED SOME FRICTION BETWEEN SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND GOH.

3. EMBASSY UNABLE VERIFY ACCURACY OF ABOVE INFORMATION.

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HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT EGYPTIAN'S

COMMENTS REFLECT HOPE THAT SYRIAN-GOH RELATIONS ARE
WORSENING AT SAME PACE AS CAIRO'S RELATIONS WITH
BUDAPEST.
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